

The Monaken

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Spring Edition

Mark Your Calendars

April 25-27.....Chapter Weekend
June 6-8.....Spring Ordeal
June 13-15.....Section Conclave
July 9, 16, 23,30.....OA Tap Outs,
Wear Your Sash All Day, and
Open Lodge Meetings
July 10, 17, 24, 31.....Ice Cream
Socials @ the Dining Hall
July 23.....Vigil Call Out
August 22-24.....Fall Ordeal
September 12-14.....Aquanuschioni
Pow Wow
September 27-29..... LLDC

Don't forget to bring your completed Consent Form to the next Lodge event. You can print extra copies from our Web site at www.oamonaken.org.

If you would like to help out during our event weekends or have any questions, comments, or concerns, contact one of our Lodge officers:

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Brothers,

The Lodge is off to a great start for 2008. The first big news we have received was that Monaken Lodge is a Quality Lodge 2007. In 2007, we registered 390 members (an increase of 7 members) and inducted 30 members into the Brotherhood Honor (a 30.3% conversion rate). The Lodge wouldn't have been able to make Quality Lodge without the support and dedication of our members; the leaders of Monaken Lodge thank you.

The Chapters are concluding the Unit Visitations in the districts for the year. Members of each Chapter have been to the Units within their Chapter to conduct Unit Elections and Camp Promotions. These Chapter members spend the first three months on the road traveling to Units greeting Scouts and overseeing the elections of our future Arrowmen. They do a hard job, and with the rising costs of gas, their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Starting in late May, you will be able to pay you 2009 dues. By keeping your dues up-to-date, you provide continual support to Monaken Lodge and its programs. A portion of your dues goes to National Order of the Arrow to continue their programs, the Monaken publication, Camp Seven Mountains, Section NE-4B, the Lodge's operating committees, and so many more things. Please, if you or anyone you know has dues that need to be renewed, please stop at the Council office late-May or come to the Spring Ordeal to pay to renew your dues.

Our next event is the Chapter Weekend April 25-27 at Camp Seven Mountains. This weekend is a time to gather with your Chapter for fellowship. On April 26, the Lodge will be hosting a Woodchuck Work Day at Camp to prepare the Camp for the Cub Camp-O-Ree May 2-4. You can register for the Chapter Weekend and Woodchuck Work Day online at www.oamonaken.org or by calling the Council Office at (717) 667-9236.

YIS,

Jon Cherry
2008 Lodge Chief

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Watch our Web site for registration dates for our Chapter Weekend and Woodchuck Work Day. Registration details should be available after March 28th. Please pre-register so we have an accurate count to plan for food.

Lodge Officer and Chapter Reports

Treasurer's Report

Our saleable stock has been depleted and we are looking for suggestions for new items.

Also, if you know anyone who needs to pay their dues, please have them check in with me.

Contact me at treasurer@oamonaken.org.

YIS,
Your friendly neighborhood Treasurer

Nittany Chapter

The Nittany Chapter has been working hard on planning the upcoming Chapter Weekend and future Fellowship Days. We have also created a new chapter T-Shirt that will be sold at all Chapter and Lodge Functions for \$10. We are also asking all Ordeal members to return this year for their Brotherhood, sealing their membership in the Lodge. We are striving to achieve Quality Chapter but we need your help. Only by your attendance can we reach our goal.

YIS,
Matt Thorwart
Nittany Chapter Chief

Seven Mountains Scout Camp Alumni Association

For those of you who aren't aware, we are in the process of establishing a camp alumni association for Seven Mountains Scout Camp. Our goals include, but are not limited to, providing service, resources, and some financial support to Seven Mountains Camp. We are in the process of creating a membership database for anyone who has visited, served on staff, or been a camper at Seven Mountains who might be interested in being a part of this endeavor. Our hope is that we can re-connect with those persons who share a common love of Seven Mountains to help perpetuate the camping experience for future generations of campers while re-establishing ties with the past. In the coming months we will be having informational meetings on Saturday, April 26th and Saturday, June 7th. Both meetings will be at noon at the dining hall and coincide with OA events to encourage attendance. We would also like to promote the association at Open Lodge meetings this summer at scout camp.

We will be holding a special event this year on Saturday, August 23rd at the Lodge's August Ordeal. This day will be a service day held in conjunction with the Saturday work activities at camp. A prime work area will tentatively be the campfire circle, where many of our Council alumni will be able to work together to share in the fellowship of the day's labors. As usual there will be a Vigil breakfast, and we hope to have an alumni luncheon for those in attendance. Please spread the word about this special event and start to make plans now to attend.

For information or questions about the alumni association please contact either Mark Salvatore (salrph@nmax.net) or Mark Bonson (mbonson@hoover.com)

Mark Salvatore

Ordeal to Brotherhood

Ordeal members who have had membership for ten months who are interested in sealing Lodge membership by becoming Brotherhood members of our Lodge should be sure to complete the following requirements and attend either the Spring or Fall Ordeals this year.

- Memorize the Obligation, Admonition, and the Song.
- Write a letter to the Brotherhood Committee explaining the meaning of the obligation to you and also how becoming a Brotherhood member will help you help the Lodge. The letter doesn't have to be long, just close to a page in length. Bring this letter to the ordeal and have it ready to hand in at registration.
- Carve a walking stick that is a minimum of three feet in length with your name, WWW, and Monaken 103 on it. Be sure to bring it to the ordeal.
- Complete the Brotherhood hike as well as the Brotherhood ceremony at the Ordeal.

If you have any questions about becoming a Brotherhood member, or you are a Brotherhood member who wants to help out, email Tucker Swigart at monaken@oamonaken.org.

New and Improved Council Web Site

Juniata Valley Council recently launched a new and improved version of their Web site. You can find calendars, summer camp information and forms, training updates, and much more. Keep checking back as the upgrade continues at www.jvcbsa.org.

Lodge Committee Reports

Vigil

It's almost spring and that means it's time to start considering who in the Lodge will be tapped out to join the ranks of Vigil members. Our list appears on the last page of this newsletter. Please keep in mind to be eligible you must have been a Brotherhood member for two years and have your dues paid. If there has been a mistake, please contact me at jms5537@psu.edu.

Yours in service,
Justin Shope
Vigil Committee Chairman

Publications

We are looking for ways to save money on publications since they are our biggest budget item. One idea is to send the Monakens out by e-mail for those who regularly check their e-mail. If you are interested in receiving your newsletters this way, please let us know at monaken@oamonaken.org so we can start our database.

Thanks,
Kyle Krisch
Publications Chair

Chaplaincy

We are currently looking for members but are

working with the small number we have to reconstruct a Lodge Chaplaincy book. We have reviewed the original book compiled in the year 2000 and are focused on creating a more service resource oriented book by removing some of the service-preparatory material and printing the general use booklets in a smaller, more concise, and of course cheaper style. Preparatory material will not be completely excluded as the work of our previous Chaplaincy Brothers is too valuable to be so carelessly disregarded. We hope to include this material in a larger, service-master edition book, of which we will print fewer copies. Chaplaincy has been receiving positive remarks on its services and continues to be open to positive or negative advice from Lodge members with paid dues.

YIS,
Justin Araway
Chaplaincy Chairman

Conclave

Conclave this year will be a lot of fun. It will be held at Camp Conestoga, Somerset, PA between Friday, June 13—Sunday, June 15, 2008. The cost will be \$35.00 per person and you can sign up at any Lodge event between now and Spring Ordeal.

There will be a participation flap.

Seth Clark

Dance and Drum

Aquanuschioni Pow Wow will be September 12-14, 2008. We need a lot of participation to make it go really well. We're lining up presenters for Indian clothing, beading, living culture, etc. It will be lots of fun and we hope to see you there. If anyone is interested in joining the Dance and Drum team, please e-mail me at eric_mitch51@yahoo.com.

YIS,
Eric Mitch
Dance and Drum Chair

NOAC

For those who don't know me, I am James Query, your NOAC chairman. Currently, I'm getting pictures from the 2006 NOAC to put together a slide show to advertise the 2009 NOAC. If you have any questions about NOAC or are interested in helping, e-mail me at jimmy_the_jet2007@excite.com.

YIS,
James Query

ARROWCORP5

A HIGHER ADVENTURE

ArrowCorp5 is coming up in the Summer of 2008. If you don't know what ArrowCorp5 is, its 5,000 Arrowmen from across the country doing service at 5 National Forests over 5 weeks. It is the largest service project undertaken by the Order of the Arrow. The best thing about this, unlike OA High Adventure bases where only youth can

attend; ArrowCorp5 is open to both youth and adults! To be eligible for ArrowCorp5 though, you must meet the Philmont Weight and Height requirements.

The cost for the event is \$250.00 per person not including transportation. The \$250.00 cost will cover food for the week, activities, and insurance. The original cost for ArrowCorp5 was going to be \$500.00, but National has subsidized half of the cost to make it more affordable for everyone.

If you have any questions about ArrowCorp5 or would like to go, please email Jon Cherry at chief@oamonaken.org and be sure to check out the ArrowCorp5 website, www.event.oa-bsa.org for information for parents and Arrowmen.

OAOA

Want to go swimming with the fishes this summer? If so, the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is for you. Who else can say that they learned to scuba dive, helped save the earth, and had a lot of fun with total strangers all in two weeks? YOU can if you sign up today for the Order of the Arrow's most popular summer service adventure program.

During the first week, participants are instructed and certified as scuba divers and the second week, they will be rebuilding some of the natural surroundings destroyed by human interaction and natural disasters.

This unique opportunity will challenge a person physically and mentally as you will be marching in uncharted territory. Only the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure can provide you with this chance to enjoy nature at its best in a primetime location such as Key West.

For more information about the OA Ocean Adventure or any of the other high adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org. Come on, take the plunge; sign up for the Ocean Adventure of a lifetime.

2008 Vigil List

Mark A
Robert A
Clair A
Harry A
Matthew B
Mark B
Joseph B
Wesley B
Gary B
Garry B
Bret B
Bert B
Daniel C
David C
Casey C
Gregory D
James D
Ellis D
Mitchell D
Frank F
John F
Donald F
Jamie F
Craig F

Bob L
Shawn L
Scott L
Ian L
Thomas L
Larry L
Silas L
Rick M
Larry M
Trey M
Tammy M
Jethro M
Larry M
Tyler M
Jane M
David M
Lynn M
Michael M
Richard N
Josh N
Juan P
James P
Robert P
Jack P

Neil P
Cloyd R
Richard S
Richard S
Ben S
Steven S
Barbara S
Chris S
Robert S
Nate S
Jeff T
Logan T
Parker T
Matt T
Mark T
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Brad W
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